

SENATE BILL 3115

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-911(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) A student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program requiring more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree shall achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the end of any semester in which the student has attempted an additional twenty-four (24) semester hours, since the last review of academic eligibility, to continue to receive the scholarship.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution the total number of semester hours required for the degree program in which the student is enrolled;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-919(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours" and by substituting instead the language "the total number of semester hours required for the degree program in which the student is enrolled".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(f)(2), is amended by deleting the language "one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours" and by substituting instead the language "the total number of semester hours required for the degree program in which the student is enrolled".

SECTION 5. A student may apply for the retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for any semester of the 2007-2008 academic year in which the student would have qualified for continuation of the scholarship under the provisions this act, had the provisions of this act been in effect during such academic year. TSAC shall award the scholarship retroactively for such academic year to any student who would have qualified for the scholarship had the provisions of this act been in effect.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2008-2009 academic year and academic years thereafter.